"Symposium on Prosody and Syntax"

In this symposium, four different speakers will discuss a variety of issues concerning the interaction of syntax and prosody (and other factors).

In the first presentation, Kitagawa will provide an overview of such an interdisciplinary approach to grammar. He will attempt to demonstrate that extra-syntactic/grammatical factors such as prosody, information structure, pragmatics and processing have much more pervasive and significant influences on our grammaticality judgments than generally assumed.

In the second presentation, Ishihara attempts to clarify the way grammar establishes a prosody-syntax correspondence. He will argue that the prosody is computed cyclically, based upon syntactic cyclicity, and that the prosody-scope mismatch created by scrambling can be accounted for by adopting the notion of multiple Spell-Out in the Minimalist framework.

In the third presentation, Tokizaki will discuss the issue of whether syntactic labeling is or is not necessary for phonology. He will argue that X-bar theoretic syntactic labeling is not necessary for syntax-phonology mapping.

In the fourth presentation, Schafer will raise a question of how reliably prosody reflects syntactic structure in the production of utterances. She will argue that although there is substantial variation in the exact prosodic/intonational form of utterances, prosodic cues to syntactic structure remain strong even in situations where they are potentially unnecessary for the listener.

At the end, a discussion session open to the floor will be conducted to discuss any issue related to individual and/or entire presentations.